Our common *Freſh-Water Muſcles* differ from our Salt-Marſh Muſcle, in that they are not fixed to any Place or Thing, but have a Method of trailing along on the ſandy Bottoms of Creeks and Rivers: They have the Power not only of opening and ſhutting their Shells at Pleaſure, but have, moreover, the Power of creeping (*a*) along as it were like a Snail, by turning upon the upper Edge that opens, and ſo work themſelves along the ſoft yielding Sand in little Furrows about half an Inch deep. I have traced them for ſeveral Yards, by theſe little Chanels, when the Tide is down, and left the Sands bare.

If theſe few Obſervations prove acceptable, it will be a Pleaſure to

Your Friend,

John Bartram.

VII. *A Letter from Mr.* Chriſt. Hunter, *to Dr.* Mortimer, *Secr. R. S. ſerving to accompany a Copy of an antient* Roman *Inſcription at* Rocheſter *in* Northumberland, *and two others at* Riſingham.

Worthy Sir, *Durham, Sept.* 9. 1744.

Read Nov. 8. 1744. KIND Providence enabling me to outlive ſuch Members of the *Royal Society* I have had the Happineſs to correſpond withal, Dr.

(*a*) I have ſeen this of our Horſe-Muſcles in Ponds here in *England*. *C. M.*

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Dr. *Liſter*, Dr. *Woodward*, and the much reſpected dear Mr. *Gale*, I make bold to addreſs the following Inſcriptions to the honourable *Society* by your Hands.

A Tranſcript of the firſt Inſcription, ſent to me ſix Months ago, was copied by a Perſon of too narrow Judgment to be depended upon; which obliged me to take a Journey to *Rocheſter*, to be exact in every Circumſtance relating to the ſame (*a*): The Stone was found erected upon two Supporters, and diſcovered laſt Year in the midſt of a Heap of Rubbiſh, and the Inſcription intire to the laſt Line, where the Name of the *Præfectus* is viſibly obliterated, in ſome enſuing Reign.

The two following (*b*) I took out of the Earth at *Riſingham*, another *Roman* Fort, eight Miles South from *Rocheſter* upon the Banks of *Reed*'s Water mentioned by Mr. *Camden*: They are both Altars broken, the firſt falling from the Top of the higheſt Wall of a Dwelling-houſe deſerted above fifty Years; the two initial Letters of the third and fourth Lines broken off; as IVLIUS, LIVIVS, LIBIVS, LICIVS, or LIDIVS. The other is upon the Margin of Mr. *Warburton*'s Map of *Northumberland*, I fear, omitted by Mr. *Horſley* in *Britannia Romana* among his Sculptures; but find it in pag. 240. of his Obſervations, ſo quite different from my Copy. I am,

Good Sir,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

Chriſtopher Hunter.

(*a*) *See* TAB. II. *Fig.* 2.

(*b*) *See* TAB. II. *Fig.* 3 and 4.

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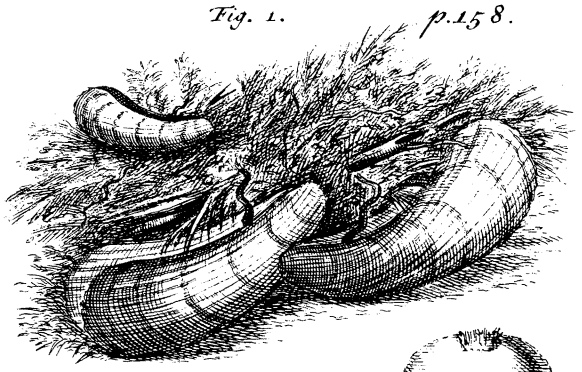

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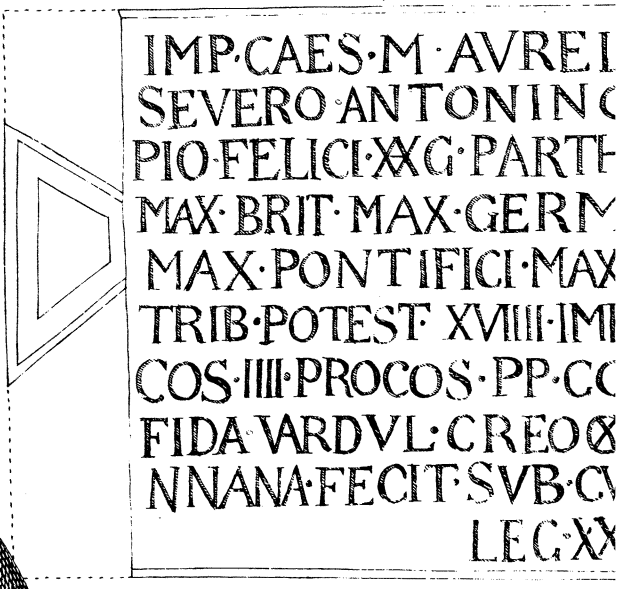

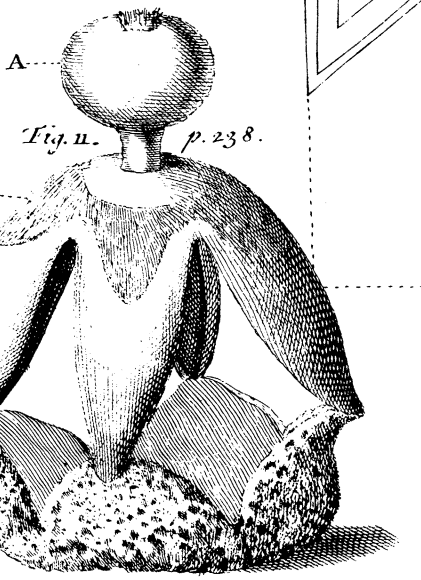

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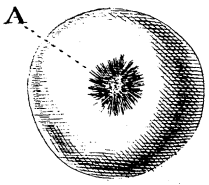

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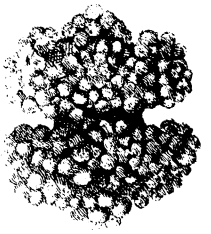

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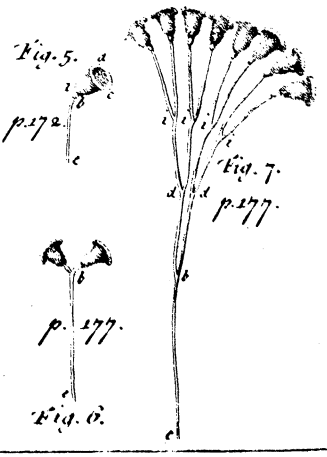

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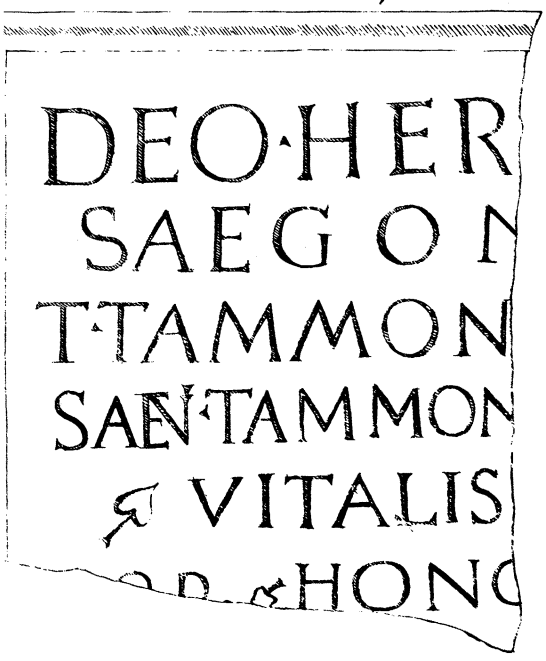

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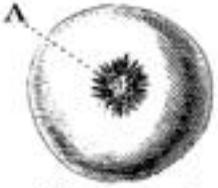

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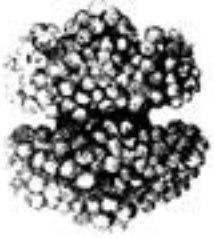

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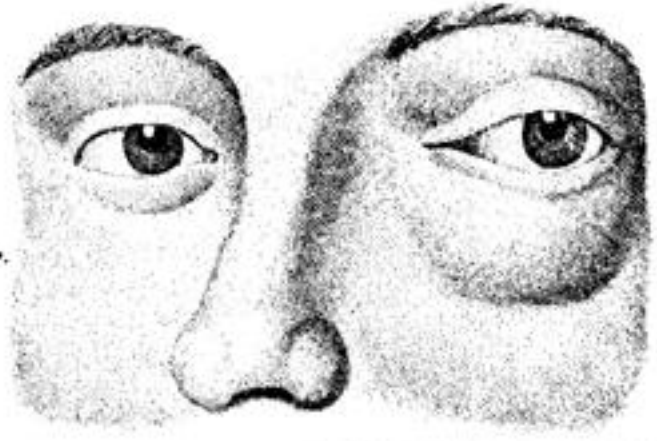
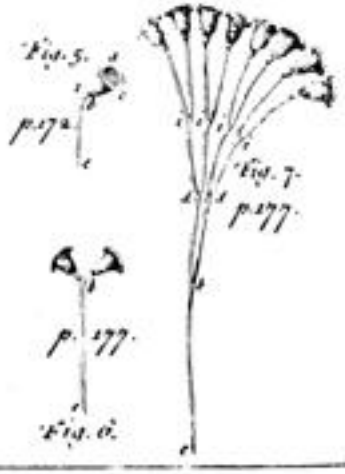
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